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Dear Doctor Lederberg:

I enclose a copy of an article I have written which relates to panspermia and interplanetary contamination. I would be most grateful if you should feel disposed to read and criticise the article since if it appears to stand up sufficiently I would hope to publish it. I also plan to send it to Dr. Richard Tousey for his criticism on the astronomical aspects of the article which I hope will not prove to be too amateurish.

Yours sincerely,

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